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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Chriss S. Yoder, III
Ritsuo KASHIYAMA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2622
Appln. No.: 09/541,614	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4869
Filed: April 3, 2000	)	
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For: FOCUS DETECTING APPARATUS	)	June 23, 2006

**Mail Stop Issue Fee**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated June 14, 2006, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before September 14, 2006, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the June 14, 2006 Notice of Allowability on the grounds whereas the Reasons refer to the control circuit being “controlled by a reading processing circuit based on a result of determination of an accumulation condition”, such language does not appear in the claim; instead, the claim recites that the reading processing circuit is for --performing reading processing control-- and the changing circuit is for --changing the reading processing control based on a result of determination of an accumulation

condition....-- Also, whereas the Reasons refer to the “accumulation condition (threshold) that can be changed”, the claim instead refers to --setting the threshold--.

Applicant’s undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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